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CHULA VISTA VETERANS HOME APPROVED FOR ADDITIONAL BEDS

SACRAMENTO, CA. – March 11, 2003 – The Veterans Home at Chula Vista has recently been approved and licensed for an additional sixty beds in its Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

K. Maurice Johannessen, Secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA), indicated, "This expansion at the Chula Vista Veterans Home shows that the Department is very serious about its healthcare commitment to veterans and is headed in the right direction to continually improve and provide a quality level of healthcare for them."

Chula Vista Home Administrator Dan Murray was informed by the Department of Health Services that the Home has been granted an annual license to operate an additional sixty beds at its SNF Unit. This approval doubles the number of such beds available to a total of 120. Administrator Murray commented, "The staff pulled everything together on this review process and their efforts have paid off for all of us. There is a great feeling of pride and satisfaction throughout this facility in attaining this level of service."

The Department of Health Services toured the Home on February 19 and 20. During that inspection they reviewed the home's performance and renewed its Provisional SNF license for the first 60 beds, while also reviewing the Home's readiness for licensing the additional 60 beds.

In anticipation of an extra 60 beds in the SNF Unit, Chula Vista has already increased its staff with fourteen Registered Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses and twenty-two Certified Nursing Assistants.

"This is most encouraging not only for the Chula Vista Veterans Home but for our entire system of veterans homes," commented Secretary Johannessen.

The Home also increased its Medicare certified beds from 22 to 36. All 120 beds in the SNF are Medi-Cal certified.

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